

WEATHER for Kentucky
Probably rain Tuesday

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

On Friday the 13th, 1313 men enlisted in the Navy.

Argentina is now very much wrought up over the sinking of one of her vessels.

The wives of 100 naval officers will go into a summer camp at an unnamed Atlantic port, used as a base by the ships their husbands are on.

Dr. Ludwig Zamanhof, author of Esperanto died Saturday at Warsaw, according to advices received.

The British and French are putting a good deal of additional "Hinder" in the Hindenburg line.

The Mexican Congress met Sunday in the capital and Carranza made a speech definitely committing the country to a policy of neutrality.

Plans were being laid for the Prince of Wales to wed one of the Czar's daughters, but now there is no Czar. The girls, however, are left and will be about as near royalty as any in Europe when the war is over.

The Japanese admiral says the Japanese Navy will protect the Pacific coast; and denies that there are any German submarines in the Pacific ocean. The American commander at San Francisco says he has had reports to the contrary.

In a personal appeal addressed to his fellow countrymen, President Wilson calls on every American citizen—man, woman and child—to join together to make the nation a unit for the preservation of its ideals and for the triumph of democracy in the world war.

Counting China and Brazil as participants, the world war now embraces nine-tenths of Europe, two-thirds of Asia, all of North America, practically all of Africa, all of Australia and more than half of South America. On one side there are 850,000,000 people and on the other 150,000,000.

The strip of territory held by the Germans in northern France, portions of four provinces or counties, is now only 40 miles wide at the widest part. The capture of Lens, Cambria and St. Quentin, scheduled for this week, will drive them back to within 10 miles of the Belgian border.

Foreign Secretary Balfour, former Premier Vivian and Gen. Joffre are now enroute to this country, with other noted men, to hold one of the most noteworthy conferences ever held on American soil. They will learn on their arrival that their newly has voted seven billion dollars without a dissenting voice and ordered the construction of 1,000 wooden vessels for immediate freight service.

PASSION FOR DIAMONDS.

James Buchanan Brady, who died in New York last week, was perhaps the best-known man about town in New York. He was regarded as the best salesman in the United States, having won the admiration of the business world by his marvelous success in selling railroad supplies. His knowledge of railroading and the manufacture of steel cars was vast. "Diamond Jim" Brady had a passion for precious stones, and his collection of jewels is valued at millions of dollars. He was especially fond of giving supper parties, and was an ardent patron of boxing and horseracing. For years he was a first-nighter. Brady became famous also for his numerous appetite, it being related that three dozen oysters as a prelude to dinner was not unusual.

Brady obtained his nickname of "Diamond Jim" from his display of gems he wore on every occasion. His waistcoats and shirts were buttoned with diamonds, even his underwear was ornamented with jewels. His suspender buckles and garter clasps were diamonds, and the ferrules of his umbrellas and walking sticks were set with jewels.

NO STOPPING OF THE BRITISH ADVANCE

FIFE MEETING HAS STARTED

Father Of The Evangelists Will Preach First Three Days.

SONS IN HAVANA, ILL.

Winding Up A Big Dry Campaign, In Election Held To-day.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Fife Meeting started at the Tabernacle under very favorable circumstances with a great crowd in attendance. The committees on decoration and arrangement of details had done their work well and all was in readiness for a great beginning. The Rev. Roger H. Fife preached both morning and evening. As he said, he preached to the members of the churches so that they could be ready and enthusiastic to begin work when the Fife Brothers get here. Sunday night the Methodist church joined in the meeting and pledged its support.

The subject of the sermon last night was "How to be Fishers of Men." One of the special features of all the services has been the excellent singing of the great chorus under the leadership of Mrs. L. E. Foster, and the excellent violin selections of Mr. F. H. Kuhn. The Fife brothers will be here Wednesday night and all efforts are being centered on having a great crowd at the tabernacle on that night. The evangelists are in Havana, Ill., taking part in a prohibition election for to-day.

WAR BOARD TO DIRECT ROADS

Rail Presidents Name Committee to Co-ordinate Service During War.

Washington, April 12.—Heads of the principal railroads in the United States, have named a board of five men to direct the operations of American railroads throughout the war. It was announced that the purpose of the board will be to give the government the best possible service, not only in transporting troops and military supplies, but in handling every necessary commodity.

Members of the board are Fairfax Harrison of the Southern, chairman; Howard Elliott of the New Haven; Samuel Rea of the Pennsylvania; Hale Holden of the Burlington, and Julius Kruttschnitt of the Southern Pacific.

The New Russian Cabinet.

Dangers there still are in the path of the new Russia, but the new government is composed of men of sterling ability and profound vision. The Committee of Safety proceeded to form a new cabinet as soon as the old government had been overthrown. It is the most fortunate, the most gifted, the most expert cabinet that ever took over the helm of a nation after a revolution. It represents the cream of Russia, the noblest sons of which have been drafted into its ranks. It has the ability to steer Russia safely to victory and an era of light and liberty and justice. It has the vision and idealism to make Russia not a merely a member of the democracies in the world, but a great and fit leader of humanity.—From "The Russian Revolution," by Isaac Don Levine, in the American Review of Reviews for April, 1917.

Printer Wanted.

The Kentuckian needs one or more all round printers.

THE GERMANS HAVE EVACUATED LENS

As Victorious Britons Reach The Outskirts of The Stronghold—Wild Scenes Took Place in City in Effort to Get Away Guns and Stores—Believed Large Amount of Cannon Gathered There—Mines Blown Up or Flooded.

THE BATTLE IS STILL GOING ON IN FULL SWING

Fighting like men with their backs to a wall, the Germans are making desperate resistance to the British advance, especially along the Hindenburg line, from Queant to St. Quentin. This line has been definitely broken between Queant and Arras, consequently the Germans are attempting to hold from Queant south-eastward.

Meanwhile Lens was being approached from three directions. The civilian population was evacuated by the Germans on Friday; no person was allowed more than 30 pounds of baggage. With the departure of the civilians the Germans seized three months rations gathered at Lens by the American relief commission.

Fires continued to glow in Lens while far away to the south fires were seen in St. Quentin toward which British and French are converging. Realizing that the important town of Queant, the switch point of the Hindenburg line, was threatened by the close proximity of the British, the Germans launched an attack from there over a six mile front.

GERMANS CUT TO BITS.

While suffering immediate reverses everywhere else, they managed by the concentration of artillery to recapture Lagnicourt, opposite Queant,

which was taken several weeks ago. Their victory at this point was short lived, however, for the British immediately counter-attacked and retook Lagnicourt, with more than two hundred prisoners and catching the retreating Germans under an intensive field gun fire, cut them to bits. Thus ended the first "real-defensive-offensive" the Germans have attempted since the battle of Arras began.

From one end of the British front to the other the Germans are perceptibly nervous and jumpy. Where they have been driven from their old positions they are feverishly retreating at every opportunity, particularly at night. Each morning new airplane photographs show the results of the nocturnal activities behind the temporary line. Most of the new trenches are merely emergency defences built at angles with a view to giving cover to the machine guns with which the Germans hope to delay the British advance until further work can make the rear defense tenable.

SAY LINE NOT COMPLETED.

It now is stated that no part of the Hindenburg line was expected to be completed until the end of April, notwithstanding the claims that the recent western retirement has been entirely according to German plans.

Where the Germans still hold their old positions to the north of Loos, the slightest movement on the part of the British sends them into a panic. Flares and signal rockets of all colors spring from their trenches. Bombs are cast into No Man's Land; trench motors set up a barrage and artillery help is frantically called for.

Some of the German flares and lights are most amusing as well as spectacular. Their latest star shells have a parachute attachment and hang suspended in the air for a long time, lighting up the surrounding country for several hundred yards. They break into three balls and the British soldiers call them "paw brokers."

The Germans in the front line have long been worried by the inferiority of their artillery to that of the British. A recently captured Germany report makes complaint that the artillery often fails to answer the call for help.

DISHEARTENING EFFECT ON TROOPS.

Conditions within the German lines just prior to the battle of Arras and the depressed state of many of the German soldiers, are eloquently described in translated extracts from letters captured during the recent fighting.

MESS TENT FOR SOLDIERS

Set Up In The Little Railroad Park Near The L. & N. Depot.

DRILLING IN CITY PARK

Many Enlistments Needed To Bring Companies to War Strength.

To-day Hopkinsville reminds one of the stories told of the days just prior to the Civil War, flags everywhere and soldiers on parade. A sentry stands at the foot of the stairway leading to the armory and everything has a very business like appearance, for the Third Regiment has been ordered to mobilize and Company "D" is waiting the order to move.

Regimental Ordnance Sergeant Evans, of Russellville, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant Radford of this city, 1st Sergeant Utley of the Supply Company, from Madisonville, and Regimental Commissary Sergeant Nesbitt, of Madisonville, are here already and all the members of the local company who are away are expected to be here soon.

A mess tent has been set up in the "Ellen N" park and the boys get their meals there. Every morning Company "D" drills in Peace Park while a crowd of admirers watch every move they make. The people of Hopkinsville are proud of their company and show it at all times.

Already most of Kentucky's army National Guardsmen are "in the field," guarding public buildings, bridges, etc. The brigade numbers less than 3,000. Ranking officers say war strength is approximately 10,000. In order to build up to such a figure, the thirty-six companies of the three regiments of infantry, which now are

age about sixty men each, will have to be recruited to 150 men each.

In addition it will be necessary to organize a squadron of cavalry, composed of four troops; three battalions of artillery and a corps of engineers. Allied units, such as the signal corps, field hospital, ambulance company, etc., will also have to be recruited to full war strength. Slides are being shown in the local picture shows calling for 50 volunteers for Co. D.

FAIR GROUNDS OFFERED.

The free use of the Pennyroyal Fair grounds here with a half-mile track, sixty acres of bluegrass sod, numerous substantial buildings, provided with light and water, was offered by wire to Gov. Stanley Saturday night as mobilization grounds for the Kentucky troops.

Fighters Only.

All men enlisting in the regular army or the national guard in the present emergency were assured in an announcement by Secretary Baker Thursday that they would be kept in the service only for the period of the war. The action followed a conference between the secretary and President Wilson. In effect this places on a war time volunteer basis all of the men enlisted since the state of war was declared. It makes available a total of 517,868 places in the enlisted grades of the service to men who wish to serve for the war only.

Explosion Was Not Serious.

The accidental burning of a shed for drying clothes by the miners at the Mary Belle Mines, set fire to the powder house in which was stored dynamite and other explosives causing it to blow up April 6th. Fortunately no one was near, as the miners had not started to work.

Wm. Latham, who is engineer, was a short distance away when he noticed the fire and was knocked down and bruised up some, but not seriously hurt it was said.—Marion Record-Press.

Henderson Closes.

The Henderson tobacco season has closed with the sale of 13,318,125 pounds at an average of \$10.81.

BIG SALE OF HORSES

To Be Held at the Pennyroyal Fair Ground Tomorrow Afternoon.

Dr. G. P. Isbell's sale of fine stock will take place at the Pennyroyal Fair grounds tomorrow and will begin promptly at 1 o'clock. The offerings will consist of brood mares, stallions, business and pleasure horses and a few ponies.

Already a large number of animals have been consigned, including fifteen horses from the Nashville sale held last week, five from Pembroke, half a dozen from Trenton and several from Greenville. Two horses have arrived from Greenville and two show horses belonging to J. S. Rhea, of Auburn, arrived yesterday. Several local matinee horses have been consigned and will be included in the sale. The prospects are flattering for a big sale of stock and the event will draw a large number of buyers from all over the country.

\$15,000 SUIT

Filed For Damages Against the L. & N. Railroad.

Mrs. Rebecca Stevens, administrator of J. C. Stevens, deceased, who was killed at Gracey, March 3, 1917, has sued the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. for \$15,000 damages, alleging that her husband's death was due to the carelessness of defendant company. Breathitt, Allensworth & Breathitt are her attorneys.

SOLDIER STABBED.

Will Hayes, a member of Co. D, was cut on the arm with a knife Friday by Emmett Veach. Veach had his trial Saturday and was held to answer on a charge of cutting.

CHANGES AT THE HOSPITAL

Dr. Sanders Goes to Lexington and Dr. Sullivan Comes Here.

MRS. CORBITT MATRON

Change of Physicians Was Agreeable to Both Officials.

An exchange of the first assistant physicians at the Western State Hospital here and the Eastern State Hospital at Lexington was made yesterday. Dr. H. G. Sanders, who has been first assistant here for several years, goes to Lexington and Dr. J. C. Sullivan, of Graves county, who has been first assistant at Lexington for the past six months, comes here.

The exchange is made in order to bring both physicians nearer to their homes, Dr. Sanders being a resident of Taylor county and Dr. Sullivan of Graves county.

Mrs. Brown, who has been matron for the past eight months, has tendered her resignation and will go to New York. Her place will be filled by Mrs. Corbitt, wife of Col. Jake Corbitt, of Wickliffe, who took charge Monday. Col. Corbitt is field man under the government internal revenue service in connection with the income tax department.

The death list of the Chester, Pa., munition plant explosion is now 116.

COMPLICATIONS CAUSE DEATH

Remains Laid to Rest In Riverside, Beside Those of Her Husband.

Mrs. Nannie Cowherd died Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home at Pee Dee. She had been ill for about six weeks, suffering from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Cowherd was 80 years old and was a lifelong member of the Baptist church. Three children, B. W. Cowherd, of Gracey; Jno. W. Cowherd, of Cadiz, and Mrs. Viar, of near Pee Dee, survive. The deceased was highly esteemed by everyone who knew her and was a devoted christian woman. Her husband, the late B. W. Cowherd, Sr., preceded her to the grave about three weeks ago. The remains were brought here yesterday afternoon and placed by those of her husband in Riverside Cemetery. Dr. F. F. Walters conducted a short service at the grave.

LOST INFANNT DAUGHTER.

Edith May, the 4-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gray, died Sunday afternoon at the home of her parents, a few miles northwest of the city. Death was caused by meningitis. Interment at the Brick Church yesterday.

Is Real Patriot.

Lafayette, Ind., April 16.—Christian Vester, former soldier in the German army, and who claims the distinction of having taught Kaiser Wilhelm how to fence while the two were serving in the same regiment, today put out the two largest American flags on display in Lafayette, over the Deutscher Verein Club. The club has 100 German-American members.

PART OF DIXIE BEE LINE.

The Hopkins county fiscal court last week let a contract for two miles of mandarin road on the Madisonville and Dixon road, for \$13,354.